

Amendments to the Specification.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 37, line 24 with the following:

--These novel strains of *Bacillus coagulans* 1% isolate (hereinafter designated "GBI-1"); the *Bacillus coagulans* strain which possesses an optimal growth temperature of 20⁰C (hereinafter designated "GBI-20); the *Bacillus coagulans* strain, which possesses an optimal growth temperature of 30⁰C (hereinafter designated "GBI-30); and the *Bacillus coagulans* strain, which possesses an optima growth temperature of 40⁰C (hereinafter designated "GBI- 40). These strains have been deposited with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC; Manassus, VA) under the terms of the Budapest Treaty having the following ATCC Numbers: GBI-20 (ATCC Designation Number PTA-6085); GBI-30 (ATCC Designation Number PTA-6086); and GBI-40 (ATCC Designation Number PTA-6087). The biochemical, physiological, and morphological characteristics of these novel strains of *Bacillus coagulans* will be fully discussed in the Specific Examples section, *infra*. --